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A.—The Government have decided to revise the rules but the revision is not yet complete.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" How long under the consideration of the Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" The Government have in a way decided not to collect subscriptions for Police sports from the public. They have also decided to increase the budget allotment for it. In order that the public may have an opportunity of witnessing these sports, they have decided that gate money may be collected under the supervision of a committee consisting of the District Collector, the Superintendent of Police and two non-official members nominated by the Collector."

Press and Publications

Publication of insolvent notices in the Fort St. George Gazette.

* 1581 *Q.*—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount collected during the last six months by the Government Press towards the charges of publication of insolvent notices in the *Fort St. George Gazette* ;

(*b*) how many pages of printed matter were used for the purpose during the period ;

(*c*) what is the amount charged for each of such publications ;

(*d*) what is the real cost of the publication ;

(*e*) what is the principle or the criterion on which the charges are estimated ;

(*f*) whether the Government expect to make any profit from such publications or whether it is the object of the Government to collect only the bare charges ; and

(*g*) whether the Government make any difference in the rate of charges for publication between insolvents and others ?

A.—(*a*) A sum of Rs. 7,910-6-0 was charged for the six months ending December 1928 ; when the cost could not be recovered from the insolvents' estates, it was remitted (the sum so remitted during the above period was Rs. 11-7-0).

(*b*) 234 pages.

(*c*) For notices published by courts under sections 30 and 37 (2) of the Provincial Insolvency Act the rate charged is the estimated actual cost (one anna per line) ; for notices published by courts under section 64 of the Act the rate charged is the estimated actual cost plus 25 per cent (one anna and three pies per line) ; and for notices published by courts under other sections of the Act, viz., 19 (2), 38 (1) and 41 (1) the rate charged is six annas per line. For notices published by private parties, the rate charged is six annas per line.

(*d*) The estimated actual printing cost inclusive of the cost of paper for the six months ending 1 ecember 1928 was Rs. 1,439-9-0.

(e) The differentiation made between notices published by courts under sections 19 (2), 38 (1) and 41 (1) of the Act on the one hand and notices published by courts under sections 30, 37 (2) and 64 on the other is based on the recommendation made by the High Court in 1910; the principles underlying such differentiation are not on record. The difference in rates as between notices under sections 30 and 37 (2) on the one hand and those under section 64 on the other is based on the principle that a difference should be made between matter which has to be published by the Government and that which has to be published by others.

(f) See clause (c).

(g) The rate for the advertisements of private parties is 6 annas a line; the rates for publication of notices under the Provincial Insolvency Act are given under clause (c).

Civil Justice

Removal of the efficiency bar for the Subordinate Judges and District Munsifs.

* 1582 Q.—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that memorials have been received from the subordinate judges and district munsifs for the removal of the bar of 13 years' permanent service rule before a subordinate judge can get increment as laid down in G.O. No. 2264, Law (General), dated 14th September 1922;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the hon. Member's predecessor in office received a deputation on the same matter; and

(c) what action Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

A.—(a) Yes. The memorials have been received from the district munsifs.

(b) Yes.

(c) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. K. R. Karant:—"May I ask the hon. the Law Member whether he expects to come to an early decision on the matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"I shall try to come to as early a decision as possible."

Delay in the disposal of cases in courts.

* 1583 Q.—Mr. J. A. Saldanha: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to question No. 429 answered on 9th October 1928, regarding delay in the disposal of cases in courts whether any steps are contemplated to be taken for the inspection of mufassal courts by High Court Judges?

A.—Not in the immediate future.

Mr. J. A. Saldanha:—"May I ask whether the Government are aware that these delays cause much suffering to the litigant public, and in view of that whether they will not take early steps?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar:—"No, Sir."